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MISCELLANEOUS GDR ECONOMIC INFORMATION (13pp; German;

25X1 This document consists of four typewritten reports as follows:

25X1 1. A report, 3 pages, [redacted] on the Zwickau Branch of the DIZ (German Trade Center) for Precision and Optical Instruments. This report contains the following information: The personnel quota for the Branch is 52, but there are now 70 (48 of them women); the ~~General~~ Manager of the Branch is fnu Hiller; the Branch handles optical goods, physical measuring instruments, office machines, scales, clocks; an important customer, especially for physical measuring instruments, is the Wismuth Mining Object 65 at Teichwolframsdorf; the value of goods on hand at present is 1.4 million Deutsche marks.

25X1 2. A report, 5 pages, [redacted] on the "Wilhelm Pieck" Combine at Mansfeld. This report lists principal personnel (14 names) with a thumbnail sketch of each, i.e., Karl Gutjahr, Head Director, 50, SED (Socialist Unity Party), fanatic, stops at nothing; Bodo Rositz, Director of the Fortschritt Shaft, 50, SED, good worker, imposes penalties on any worker caught idle. The report also says that mine timbers are in very short supply; the accident rate is quite high: 35-40 serious injuries per month. There are 5950 workers in the several shafts. The report states that about mid-June the Combine became a Landkreis and is now known as Landkreis Eisleben; the report gives the names and brief biographies of some of the functionaries of the Kreise Querfurt and Eisleben. The report says there are constant efforts to recruit young men for the People's Police; only 6 were persuaded to enroll.

25X1 3. A report, 2 pages, [redacted] on DIA-Metal (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Agency - Metals), Berlin. The report lists the main personnel: fnu Dolling, Director, old CP man, SED, fanatic; fnu Effenberger, Personnel Director, 38, informer, bad character. The report states that some 240 people are employed here; there is practically no export activity; imports come from USSR and Czechoslovakia. DIA is handling more trade with the West than Meletex.

25X1 4. A report, 3 pages, [redacted] on the Leuna Electric Power Plant giving the following information: there are four powerhouses; the average load is now 146,000 kw; a year ago it was 94,000. Although the machinery needs overhauling badly, the Soviets force the plant to work continuously, and there are frequent breakdowns. There is great difficulty in obtaining spare parts, particularly turbine blades and link motion parts. The report says that the People's Police have an energetic ~~man~~ recruitment program, but only 18 out of a total force of 28,000 workers have joined up. The plant is carefully guarded; fear of saboteurs is so great that the doors to the powerhouses have no handles on the outside and workers must get a special pass each time they enter.

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